

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Currently, the most commonly employed method of transferring data over the Internet is to employ the World Wide Web environment, also called simply "the Web". Other Internet resources exist for transferring information, such as File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Gopher, but they have not achieved the popularity of the Web. In the Web environment, servers and clients affect data transaction using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), a known protocol for handling the transfer of various data files (e.g., text, still graphic images, audio, motion video, etc.). The information in various data files is formatted for presentation to a user by a standard page description language, the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). In addition to basic presentation formatting, HTML allows developers to specify "links" to other Web resources identified by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL). A URL is a special syntax identifier defining a communications path to specific information. Each logical block of information accessible to a client, called a "page" or a "Web page", is identified by a URL. The URL provides a universal, consistent method for finding and accessing this information, not necessarily for the user, but mostly for the user's Web "browser". A browser is a program capable of submitting a request for information identified by an identifier, such as, for example, a URL. A user may enter a domain name through a graphical user interface (GUI) for the browser to access a source of content. The domain name is automatically converted to the Internet Protocol (IP) address by a domain name system (DNS), which is a service that translates the symbolic name entered by the user into an IP address by looking up the domain name in a database.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

The information collected and stored by browser 300 are examples of data that form a history. The present invention provides a method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for disabling or preventing recording of a history. Recording of the history is disabled by disabling the storage of the Web page in cache 308, and disabling this storage of the URL in history list 306 and location list 304. Further, storage of cookies for the Web page in cookie file 310 is prevented. The normal processes used to record this type of information may be disabled in response to a disable signal. This disable signal may be generated through various mechanisms. For example, a user may select control, such as a button, displayed on browser 300. The disable signal also may be generated using selected user [[Ids]] identification (ID). For example, if a temporary user logs on to a browser, the persistent storage of history information is disabled. Alternatively, the user may set a preference to disable the recording of histories. The preferences may be, for example, to disable recording at a particular time of the day, a selected day of the week, or for a particular Web site.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Communications 410 is the mechanism with which browser 400 receives documents and other resources from a network such as the Internet. Further, communications 410 is used to send or upload documents and resources onto a network. In the depicted example, communication communications 410 uses HTTP. Other protocols may be used depending on the implementation. Documents that are received by browser 400 are processed by language interpretation 412, which includes HTML unit 414 and JavaScript unit 416. Language interpretation 412 will process a document for presentation on graphical display 418. In particular, HTML statements are processed by HTML unit 414 for presentation while JavaScript statements are processed by JavaScript unit 416.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Browser 400 is presented as an example of a browser program in which the present invention may be embodied. Browser 400 is not meant to imply architectural limitations to the present invention. Presently available browsers may include additional functions not shown or may omit functions shown in browser 400. A browser may be any application that is used to search for and display content on a distributed data processing system. Browser 400 [[make]] may be implemented using [[know]] known browser applications, such Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer. Netscape Navigator is available from Netscape Communications Corporation while Microsoft Internet Explorer is available from Microsoft Corporation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

Field 630 contains session 632 and session 634. These are sessions that are identified based on a user [[Id]] ID along with a date and time of the sessions. Domain 636 and domain 638 are found in field 640. These entries identify different domains that have been visited using a browser. The domains are identified using domain names in these examples. By selecting entries in field 630 or field 640, history information relating to a particular session or domain may be selectively removed. For example, all cookies, cached files, history lists, and location lists may be deleted from a history for a particular user, while similar information for another user is retained.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

Next, a determination is made as to whether an enable signal has been received (step 810). The enable signal may be initiated by the selection of a control, such as a button, by the user. Alternatively, the signal may be generated by a preference being

met. For example, the preference may be to prevent the recording of a history for a particular Web site or for a selected period of time. If the enable signal has not been received the process returns to step 810.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

With reference now to **Figure 10**, a flowchart of a process used for deleting or discarding information from a history is depicted in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The process illustrated in **Figure 10** may be implemented [[in]] as a more detailed description of step 916 in **Figure 9**. In particular, this process is used to handle the selection of an entry, representing a session or a domain, in a window, such as window 600 in **Figure 6**.